TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1964. INVESTIONS-PRINTING AND LET-

TERS. We discussed the comparative merits of American and European typography some days since, but the limits of a single article forbade the mention of some points connected with the general subject which are of interest and worth thinking of. We hinted at the small ad ance made in the of. We hinted at the small ad ance made in the style of execution by any printers. We have lying before us a volume in uted at Rome in A. D. 1475, which illustrates the fact. In all that makes a near, handsome, restable book, this volume equals the best work of the nineteenth level of the provide mark which denotes the genuineness of the paper.

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lying before us a volume proted at Rome in A. D. 1475, which libertrates the fact. In all that makes a near, handsome, re-dable book, this volume equals the best work of the niusteenith century. The invention of he Roman type, which soon took the place of the black letter, had just been made. This volume is therefore a specimen of the letter in its earliest form.

It is noteworthy that for some years past lovers of clear typography have been roing back to that same sayle of letter, so that books are now issued from English and American presses which in style closely resemble the carriest issues of the Roman and other italian pre-sc after the invention of this form of letter. Nor has the italia letter ever been improved since the days of Addus the great Venetian printer. In anish and attractiveness to the sye, the books of Addus, though presenting a grand compact mass of typography are not surpassed by any modern wors.

The truth is very plain, then, that in the invention of metal type furtienberg tave to the world the art of making elegant books. And the fact opens up a singular suggestion, namely, whether the original inventor of letters was not, after all, entitled to greater gratitude from the race of making elegant books. And the fact opens up a singular suggestion namely, whether the original inventor of letters was not, after all, entitled to greater gratitude from the race of making sounds visible to the eye, so that the power of the human voice can be extended beyond the mere limit of the binan langs. The word "reading," in whatever language it is found, implies the debt due to the inventor of a phonetic alphabet.

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Picture writing was of no special value until it assumed a phonetic character, or until pictures formed as alphabet of sounds. It was computatively easy to make a picture of a scene, or an event, or of a desired object. But to place in distinct view before the eyes of men the atterances of the human voice, so that the sounds which had formerly died away in the ripples of the atmosphere, and left no impression except on the memories of men who heard them, should be impressed and conveyed from place to piace, and preserved from age to ago, this certainly was the fundamental discovery on which philosophy and science in all ages have depended. Even the latest grand invention, the felegraph of Morse, acknowledges its debt to the infect of a written language, though it makes a new and peculiar system of letters.

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How and when this invention of letters originated it is hard to say. The earliest Egyptan hieroglyphics, dating at more than two thousand years before Christ, are believed by learned men to be phonetic, or partially so. Thus Champolion's system is based on the theory that pictures frequently and usually represent the sound attered first in enunciating the name of the object represented. As, for example, in English an e.g. e would represent the long sound of E, while an elephant would represent the short sound of the same letter. This is a very natural and not at all unlikely way of accounting for the ind not at all unlikely way of accounting for the clight of a phenetic alphabet. And if this surjection be correct, it would seem not impossible that the invention of letters, like the steam-engine and other great motive powers in the physical world, was a growth of years, and did not spring at once into perfection, or even so near perfection as to be of much practical use at the start.—V. Y. Journal of Commerce,

THE BLESSED BABY.

What "Punch" Says About It.

The London Panch has the following :-"PRINCE BARY'S COURT CIRCULAR.—The great satisfaction which was given to the mothers of England by the faithful narrations about Prince Baby which were supplied during the recent four England by the faithful marrations about Prince Baby which were supplied during the recent tour of Prince Baby's royal parents, and the delight which was felt in reading, in a subsequent court circular, that he had been out for an airing, has induced his friend and godfather, Mr. Punch, to make arrangements for the regular preparation of a court circular that shall be devoted only to Prince Baby. The following is the chronicle of the past week:—

"Sunday—H. R. H. very good indeed. Slightly incensed after church at being interrupted in sucking the velve; on mamma's prayer book; but instantly pachled. Grabbed at a wine-glass and threw it down, but only laughed at the pieces, and wanted another.

"Monday—H. R. H. did not cry during the whole day. Observing from the window his royal parents going out for a ride, distinctly remarked 'Ta-tar,' innocently unconscious that they were out of hearing.

"Toc-day—H. R. H.'s usual amiability was disturbed by a special petition, on the part of his lead nurse, that he would put the coral into his lead nurse, the put and the coral nurse.

mouth, instead of Shem, Itam, and Japhet, whom he enuesvored to introduce there all at once. He was graciously pleased, flowever, to substitute the elephants for the family of Noah.

"Wednesday—H. R. H. evinced a great desire to eat his toes. During a ride in the afternoon, he distinctly pointed at a horse, and made a remark which the head nurse is inclined to believe was 'see,' but which the second nurse considers to have been 'eree'.

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'Thursday—H. R. H. very sleepy; but the medical attendants did not thenk that the symptems were in the least alarming, though his remonstrances on being moved certainly were. He was pleased to break a series cup in the forence, and to laugh very much at the crash.

E'Friday—H. K. H. much displeased at a bib being inserted under his double chin, and he spat cut his natriment with mace vigor. Afterwards a sudden clutch at his royal mother's Dagmar brooch slightly harts his head, but he was delighted when the naughty brooch was well lighted when the naughty brooch was well

hopped.
"Saturday-H. R. H. in the highest spirits, and "Saturday—H. R. H. In the highest spirits, and kicking vehemently. An attempt to swallow his red sock was happily frustrated, and his royal father's watch went into his mouth instead. He erjoy ed his evening bath exceedingly, and atterly retused to allow himself to be removed from the water. At length an Angola kitten effected a diversion, and H. R. H. concluded the week by geing to sleep with the affectionate kitten's tail in his hand."

A Goon Wonx.—The Masonic fraternity of New York have appointed a commission to purcha e supplies of flour and coal, and retail them to the p or at cost price. The city authorities approving the object, granted them the use of a piece of land at the Five Polits, in which a depot has been established. The Commission commenced business yesterday. Flour will be sold sold in pound packages, and coal can be had by the bushel. The following are the prices:—Flour delivered in any part of New York city below Fortieth street, \$10.70 per barrel and \$5.35 per half barrel, delivered at any part of the city above Fortieth succet, and in Brooklyn and Jersey City, ten cents extra. Purchased at depot, \$1.35 per eighth barrel, and 35 cents for 6 pounds. Coal delivered in any part of the city, Brooklyn, and Jersey City, \$8.85 per ton, large nut coal, and \$10.75 for stove coal. Purchased at depot at 40 and 48 cents per bushel.

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Arrest of a Dashing Prussian. Decidedly the most startling and sensational

case, says the Troy Times, December 3, that has occurred in the criminal history of this vicinity for a long time, was brought to light by the United States and local authorities yesterday and this morning. The facts are briefly these: - For many years there lived in Germany-at Cologne, we believe-a young banker by the name of Louis Goldenfauss. Trusted by his employers and acquaintances with all the secrets of the financial world, he is said to have not only forced the names of prominent merchants as drawers and

to New York with a besutiful young lady (of course a lady is in the case) last May, and is all legal to have negotiated fraudulent bulls on persons in formany, to the value of forty thou and thalors, which, at the equivalent of seventy two cents per thaler, with gold at \$2.30, gave him the sing fortune of about \$83,000. He came to Troy, and made many frauds, especially among his fellow-countrymen. Tall in person, intelligent in countenance, and brilliant in conversation, Louis Geraud, as he called himself, was a man to make his mark anywhere. He basied in Wall street, and purchased a farm at Pitertown, in this country, paying sixteen thousand dollars for it, and fitting it up in a regal style, qual to the island home of Biemerhausset.

But the Elysian dream was of short duration. Yesterday afternoon, Deputy United States Marshal Jarvis, of New York, arrived here with extradition papers, from the Prassian Government, in company with Officer Burling, he proceeded to Putstown and arrested Goldenfanss, alica Geraud, at his home. The officers also brought with them a safe containing theiry-five thousand dollars in gold, and reached here at midning to. This morning the prisoner was taken to New York, but his friends scaured the legal services of M. I. Townsend and P. H. Baerman, and endeavored to claim possession of the safe, which was ledged in the jail office. It will possibly be sent by express to New York, and Goldenfanss will start for Germany by the next steamer. His friends claim his innocance, but the officers say that when he was arrested he made a full confession. The affair has made quite an excitement about town to-day. ment about town to-day.

The inventor of printing was no fool; but he has caused myriads to make fools of themselves.

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